High Hat

The expression "to high hat" or be snobbish toward one of lower rank probably goes back before the days when the top hat became a symbol of wealth and social position. The rank of a Spanish lady in the latter days of the Roman Empire could almost be measured by the height of her head covering. The more important the lady, the higher her turban towered above her head.

Sea Food

The ocean contains enormous quantities of small plants and animals, many of them microscopic in size, which cannot swim but float with the tides and currents. These are called "plankton" and they form the principal food of various whales, as well as sharks and many other kinds of fishes. The animal plankton is said to have a nutritive value equal to the best meat, since they consist largely of protein, while the plant plankton equal rye flour. The main difficulty seems to be in harvesting. A biologist who studied the matter has said that to meet the normal food energy requirements of one person would require the animal plankton each day from a volumne of ocean water equal to an area the size of a foot ball field, and about five feet deep.

Turbans

In a survey of "fashions down through the ages," made by The Book House For Children the turban was found to be a favorite head covering of many ancient peoples, among them, the Armenians, Babylonians, and Phoenicians. Today's favorites include variations of the cloche, beret, and "beanie," a small disc of felt or straw that is anchored to the head, usually with hatpin or veiling.

Red propaganda plays up probes of graft in U. S.

Harold Stassen announces that he is candidate for Republican nomination for president.

West European leaders meet to discuss pay for European Army.

Truman works on budget message to Congress.

Uncle Sam Says

We're seeing the old year out this week. For those of us who've held on to our Defense Bonds, it was a prosperous year indeed. Help make 1952 a prosperous year by joining the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank. This time next year you can say to yourself, "I now own U. S. Defense Bonds. I've saved all that money, and I've helped Uncle Sam with it, too. Am I lucky!" But it won't be luck at all, just the application of common sense.

U. S. Treasury Department

Psychologist Believes Kids Aren't Bad—Just Problems

There are no "naughty children" or "problem children," in the opinion of one distinguished child psychologist, there are only "children with problems."

"In modern days, we should not talk any longer about 'the naughty child' or 'a problem child' but should try to find the reasons back of the problems of the child."

Dr. Reymert, who is Director of The Mooseheart Laboratory for Child Research at Mooseheart, Illinois, explores some of these reasons and finds that most of them are related to a lack of understanding of the child and his needs, on the part of the parent.

He observes that "one child may be naughty because he feels that he is being blamed and criticized too much. Another child may misbehave because he feels that his parents are not interested in him and do not pay enough attention to him. A third child may use this means to rebel against excessive restrictions or confinements.

"It is toward removing the cause or causes for the child's naughtiness that we must turn our attention rather than toward even stricter and more severe discipline," Dr. Reymert points out.

Insomnia

Although many people are troubled with various types of insomnia, there is no one who "just can't sleep at all" for any length of time. There is a type of insomnia where one can't get to sleep easily, but after he has fallen asleep, he sleeps soundly. In another type, the person awakens often during sleep and, although he seldom stays awake for long, things he is awake for hours. Still another type is the person who awakens early and can't get back to sleep. The person who "just can't sleep at all," however, is non-existent. It is impossible to live without sleep. Even though one is troubled with insomnia, if he has a good sleep foundation, he will doze off—although he may not realize it. On a good quality sleep foundation, it is impossible to resist sleep for long unless there is something physically wrong with a person.

Stop Sediment

To prevent the sediment that accumulates in the bottom of a tea kettle from hard water, throw away immediately the remaining amount of boiling water which you are not going to use. Do not allow the boiling water to settle in the kettle. Installation of a water softener, to treat the hard water and get rid of the compounds that cause the sediment, would also eliminate the deposit.

Earth and Gravity

The force of gravity is lessened by the centrifugal force produced by the Earth's rotation because of centrifugal force. The effect of gravity at the equator is about one part in 289 less than it would be on a stationary Earth, or than it is at the poles, where there is no such force. The centrifugal force also throws the surface of the Earth at the equator about 13 miles farther than the poles from the center. This causes a further decrease in gravity, so a man who weighs 189 pounds at the pole would only weigh 188 pounds at the equator, as measured by a spring balance. Ordinary scales would not show this, since the weights used would be equally affected.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Jan. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr. and daughter were supper guests Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett.

Miss Lelia Mann, of Washington, D. C. visited her mother, Mrs. John Mann, Sr. last week.

The W. M. U. Circle No. 1 held its Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett Friday night. In connection with this, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett gave a surprise birthday party in honor of Mrs. John Scruggs. She received many nice and useful gifts.

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and family and Miss Anna Harris. Others visiting in this home were Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Zanesroon.

We hope our editor and his wife had a Merry Christmas and will have a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and daughter and Miss Anna Harris were supper guests Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and daughter visited relatives in Lynchburg Sunday.

Supper guests Wednesday night of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill, Alice Faye and Mildred Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guill and family, of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett, of Washington, D. C. were visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett.

Negro leader dies in Miama, Fla.

Hungary releases four U. S. airmen.

Czechs express desire for Iran's oil.

Schools back in session after long Christmas holiday.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Jan. 1.- Happy New Year to all our readers of the Times Virginian, and to our good Editor and his better half, we hope this will be the best year of the Times-Virginian.

Our community was saddened by the news of the death of one of our former friends, Mr. B. B. Johnson. He lived among us for a long time, before moving to Powhatan. We extend deepest sympathy to his good wife and all of his children.

Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Adkerson, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Sallie Carson, and his cousin, Mrs. Melvin Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton held a family reunion of all his sisters and brothers at their home December 23. All enjoyed the day together.

Mrs. Tipton Lee and children have returned home after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wheeler, at Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Davidson and children and Jessie Davidson spent last Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Davis Smith, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and family spent the week-end in Roanoke with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings and daughter, Frances visited Dr. D. A. Christian and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Turnes had their children and Miss Alva Moore with them for Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carson and Mrs. Virginia Davis and son, Dick, visited their brother, Clyde and his family for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Board and son, Lawrence visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith, of Kingsport, Tenn., are here for the New Year's holiday, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. andMrs. Hugh Braford and children visited his parents for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Braford at Natural Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and family joined relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr. in Richmond on Sunday for a family reunion.

Mrs. W. T. Younger, of Rustburg spent part of Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

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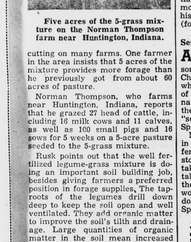
Farm Topics

Five-Grass Mixture Popular in Indiana Pays Off in Higher Quality Hay, Pasture

Farmers in 12 northeastern Indiana counties swear by a 5-grass mixture that pays off in extra tons of high quality hay and pasture.

The combination includes timothy, bromie, red clover, Ladino clover and alfalfa, reports Walter Rusk, county agent of Huntington county. This legume-grass combination, he said, could profitably be used by farmers in other states.

When plenty of fertilizer carrying nitrogen, phosphate and potash is used at seeding time and plant nutrients are top-dressed each year, this 5-grass mixture has yielded as much as 3 tons of hay at the first



Five acres of the 5-grass mixture on the Norman Thompson farm near Huntington, Indiana.

cutting on many farms. One farmer in the area insists that 5 acres of the mixture provides more forage than he previously got from about 60 acres of pasture.

Norman Thompson, who farms near Huntington, Indiana, reports that he grazed 27 head of cattle, including 16 milk cows and 11 calves, as well as 100 small pigs and 16 sows for 5 weeks on a 5-acre pasture seeded to the 5-grass mixture.

Rusk points out that the well fertilized legume-grass mixture is doing an important soil building job, besides giving farmers a preferred position in forage supplies. The taproots of the legumes drill down deep to keep the soil open and well ventilated. They add organic matter to improve the soil's tilth and drainage. Large quantities of organic matter in the soil mean increased water-holding capacity. They also make it possible to get the best possible efficiency out of every ton of fertilizer used.

Improved Ever-Bearing Strawberry Developed

Strawberries from your garden from June to October are possible with the new, improved ever-bearing strains. Although the biggest crop comes from mid-to-late June, plants will continue to produce enough for breakfast cereal and dinner desserts until frost arrives.

Planting should be done as early in the spring as possible.

Said to thrive in any type of soil, is a new high-yielding variety developed by plant breeders of the Westerhauser Nurseries of Sawyer, Michigan. Called the "20th Century", this ever-bearing type is said to fruit in about 60 days and produce large, sweet, full-flavored berries all season long.

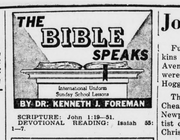
Seasoned gardeners recommend picking off the first blossoms so as to enable the roots to develop plenty of strength. They point out that while you may lose the first few fruits, you will gain in much bigger yields later in the summer.

Grand Champion

Iowa State College won the grand championship of the 52nd International Livestock Show with a 1,240 pound Aberdeen Angus steer, Toby. In 1950 Toby won the reserve championship and now is the only steer ever to return and capture the higher award. Shown with Toby are (left to right) Chief Judge A. D. Weber; W. W. Prince, president of the Union Stock Yards; Jess C. Andrews, president of the International Exposition; and George Edwards, herdsman for Iowa State College.

Time of Plowing Should Depend on Type of Soil

Ohio State University farm experts report type of soil should determine whether a farmer plows his land in fall or spring. Tests over a 14-year period indicate spring plowing is peferable on light soils. If plowed in the fall the ground has a tendency to become compacted by spring. On heavier soils tests show late fall plowing gives as good or better granulation of the soil than spring plowing.



BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: John 1:18—51.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 55: 1—7.

How to Find Christ

Lesson for January 6, 1952

NOT every one finds Christ in just the same way. This was true at the beginning and it is still true. A very interesting recent book is, "These Found the Way," edited by David W. Soper. (Westminster Press, Philadelphia, $2.50.) It contains the stories of a dozen modern persons who have become Christians. No two of them have the same story to tell, yet there is something in common among all of them.

Dr Foreman

Each of them in some way has "found" Christ. It is a mistake to think that all Christians must be cast in the same mold, or that each of us must plant his feet exactly in the footprints (for example) of St. Paul.

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Sensational Conversions

AT the beginning of John's gospel we find the story of one person after another who followed Christ. There is only one of these who believed in Jesus on the basis of what could be called a "supernatural" experience. This was John the Baptist. He testified that he had "seen the Spirit" (that is, God's Spirit) coming upon Jesus.

Now you cannot "see" the Spirit in the same way you can see a fence-post. Even if you take the story in the most literal way, and take it to mean that the Spirit had taken the visible form of a dove, the question still is there: How would John know that this particular dove was not a dove, but the Holy Spirit?

Whatever you make of it, John was an exception. All the others in the story bec me followers of Jesus through some one's word, suggestion, invitation; some one introduced them to Christ. That still is true.

Very few people who are Christians today started out with some vision in the sky, some vision of a dove or an angel or of Christ himself (like Paul, later on).

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Simpler Cases

JUST as likely, it was not spectacular at all. (Most of the conversions recorded in the New Testament were not in the least spectacular.)

It was someone saying, "Let's go to church," or it was a Sunday school teacher saying, "Bill, isn't it time you accepted Christ for yourself?" or a girl saying, "How can I marry a fellow that isn't even a Christian?" It may be reading a tract or it may be listening to someone's testimony in a prayer meeting, it might be reading that book about how some in our time have "found the way",—or it might even be reading this column.

However it comes about, two things are always true. First, someone introduces you to Jesus. Then, you make the decision for yourself. You are not likely to come to Christ unless someone else suggests it and helps you; but no other person however good, and no church however great and true, can do for you what you alone can do for yourself: make up your own mind to say "Yes" to Jesus Christ.

Nowadays much is said about "Fellowship Evangelism". There is nothing mysterious about it. For instance, a man who has never thought about becoming a Christian and perhaps no intention of being one, joins (say) a men's club at some church . . . and one thing leads to another, and he gets acquainted in this way with the minister or with someone else who has had a real and happy experience with Christ . . . and presently his heart is stirred and he too becomes a Christian—because he has made Christian friends.

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Saying a Good Word

YET it is a strange thing: many people will talk about anything else they believe in, before they will talk about Jesus Christ.

Suppose that from the beginning every one had been as close-mouthed about Him as most church members are? Simon Peter, for one, would never have become a Christian. If it had not been for his brother Andrew, who knows what would have become of Simon Peter?

In commercial lingo, Jesus "sells" himself. First-rate things, ideas or persons always sell themselves. But even the finest articles in the world need to have their story told, they have to be introduced, people have to know about them. Every church, every Christian, ought to be (in the best sense) advertising Christ. Is yours? Are you?

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Joel W. Jenkins

Funeral services for Joel Watkins Jenkins, 54, of 208 Greenbrier Avenue, Elizabeth City County, were held December 26 from the Hogge Funeral Home, Wicomico.

The assistant manager of the Cheadle and Harmon Furniture Co., Newport News, and prominent Baptist churchman, died at 12:35 A. M. Christmas at his home.

A native of Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Joel W. and Eunice Shields Cheadle Jenkins.

He came to Newport News in 1921, when he became associated with the furniture firm.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Newport News, since 1922, he had been a deacon and a member of the finance committee for 25 years, superintendent of the Sunday School for 20 years, and has served as director of the Baptist Young People's Training Union. He had served as moderator of the Peninsula Baptist Association in 1941-42 and associate superintendent of the Peninsula Sunday School Association.

He was first married to Miss Ethel Hamilton who died in 1920. They had one daughter, Margaret Elaine Jenkins, who died in infancy.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Julia Williams Jenkins, and several cousins, including Mrs. Sydney Brockwell, of Hilton Village, and the following cousins in Appomattox: Miss Mary Covington, Martin Covington, Joel Covington, Frank Covington, Robert Covington, Tommie Covington, Harry Jenkins, Richard Jenkins, Julian Jenkins, Mrs. A. B. Abbitt, Jr., Mrs. Colyer Parks, Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. Estelle Rosser, Mrs. Annie Nowlin.

A splendid tribute was paid to Mr. Jenkins in an editorial in the Times-Herald, Newport News, dated December 27. His long service as a churchman and business man was lauded.

Gracie Fields weds radio repair man.

Chicago experiences one of worst snows in its history, as traffic and city services paralyzed.

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PROFESSIONALISM CURSES THE CAMPUS

(From The New York Times)

The key sentence in the statement of Judge Saul S. Streit vividly describing the commercialization of college athletics is this: "In effect, they were professionals, masquerading as amateurs."

Professional sports have their place in the scheme of things but that place is not on the college campus. To play professional football or professional baseball is an honorable way to earn one's living, and frequently a highly profitable one. But it has nothing to do with college education.

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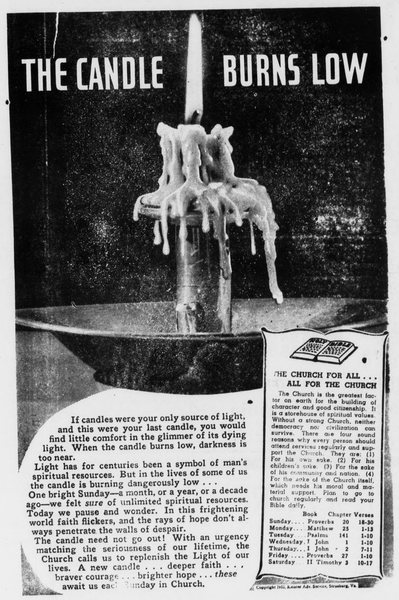

If candles were your only source of light, and this were your last candle, you would find little comfort in the glimmer of its dying light. When the candle burns low, darkness is too near.

Light has for centuries been a symbol of man's spiritual resources. But in the lives of some of us the candle is burning dangerously low . . .

One bright Sunday—a month, or a year, or a decade ago—we felt sure of unlimited spiritual resources. Today we pause and wonder. In this frightening world faith flickers, and the rays of hope don't always penetrate the walls of despair.

The candle need not go out! With an urgency matching the seriousness of our lifetime, the Church calls us to replenish the Light of our lives. A new candle . . . deeper faith . . . braver courage . . . brighter hope . . . these await us each Sunday in Church.

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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community or nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. How do you rate? Go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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